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SUBJECT: IRAQI PM MALIKI'S BILATERAL PROGRAM IN SWEDEN

(SBU) Ambassador to Sweden, Ahmad Barmani, told DCM the Iraqi delegation's bilateral program in Sweden. It will take place on Friday, May 30, after the ICI conference.

May 30

- Early morning: PM Maliki bilateral with Swedish PM Reinfeldt, followed by a press conference.
- PM Maliki meets with Swedish Parliamentary Speaker Per Westerberg.
- DPM Barham Salih, Minister of Finance Jabr, and Minister of Planning Baban seminar with the Swedish business community.
- Foreign Minister Zebari speech at the Swedish Institute for International Affairs.
- PM Maliki meets with Mona Sahlin, Party Leader of the opposition Social Democrats.
- 1700: Iraqi Embassy hosts reception for Swedish officials, and diplomatic community.
- 1900: Maliki meets with Iraqi community in Sweden.

(Note: Barmani said the Swedish-Iraqi community of 120-150,000 represents the full spectrum of Iraqi ethnic groups and political parties, including the PUK, KDP, Islamic Party, the Shiite parties who have their own husseiniyyat, the Chaldeans, the Assyrians, and even the Sabeans. Barmani meets with two representatives from each group monthly at the Iraqi Community Council. He said Iraqi migration to Sweden reached 18,559 in 2007, but is expected to decline to less than 10,000 in 2008. End note.)

May 31

- Iraqi delegation departs Stockholm in morning and returns to Baghdad.

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